



SAVE THE TOWN III! The Tomfoolery Show once again joins forces with the Town of Highland to raise money for the revitalization of the historic Town Theatre. Save the Town II will be held at 8 p.m. **NOV. 13** at Villa Cesare in Schererville. Tickets are \$25 and available at town hall or tomfooleryfunclub.com.



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Highland Public Works is located on 10-acre parcel next to the Sharp Athletic Complex on Kennedy Avenue just south of the Borman Expressway. [JOHN BACH PHOTO]

PUBLIC WORKS NEXT ON BUCKET LIST

As new buildings dot the landscape where the Highlands Apartments once stood, the Highland Town Council is looking to advance an existing plan to relocate Public Works and even Sharp Athletic Complex to pave the way for new construction south of the Little Calumet River.

"We loaned Hammond \$2 million to get redevelopment going on the Hammond side of the river," Councilman Bernie Zemen said. "The money has been repaid and now it's time we get developers interested in Highland."

Zemen said first on the agenda will be finding the 10 acres Public Works needs to house its garage, offices, salt dome, buildings and equipment.

"I think it's time we sit down with our neighbors in Griffith to see if we can create efficiencies."

Councilman Dan Vassar said the council is in agreement that the economic outlook for private investment along north Kennedy is bright.

"This prime property is ripe for development," Vassar said. "It will be a challenge to find just the right acreage for Public Works, but I am confident we will make it happen."

Public Works Director John Bach said south Kennedy Avenue near Main or along Kleinman Road near 45th Street could be a good fit.

"We need quick access to main thoroughfares and to be located in a place where we don't disrupt a neighborhood," Bach said. "There has been some discussion of relocating the department in an industrial park but we've never been able to find a parcel with enough land to meet our needs." 🐾

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Fall leaf collection begins Monday, **OCT. 12** and will conclude the second week in December. The insert in this issue of the Gazebo Express contains dates for leaf collection in your neighborhood.



FALL CLEANUP DAY

If getting rid of excess stuff has been on your to-do list, it's time to let the purging begin. Republic Waste Services will schedule extra crews **OCT. 13** to collect additional trash and unwanted items as part of fall cleanup day. Construction debris, concrete, household hazardous waste, paint, pool chemicals and leaves are NOT included.



... TOWN TICKER ...

Congratulations to **Highland resident Geoffrey Tanses**, who won this year's NWI House Raffle! Tanses can take the new Merrillville home valued at \$265,000 plus \$15,000 in cash or a \$225,000 cash prize. ... **Author Dan Helpingstine** will be at **Miles Books** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 15 to sign his book, "Dallas Forever Changed – The Legacy of November 1963." A portion of the proceeds benefits **Highland's Operation SOS**.

HIGHLAND PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION

By Halloween, the Police Department will begin moving into their new digs at Cottage Grove and Ridge. Under construction for the last 12 months, the community has had a bird's eye view of the project from the placement of the steel frame to the bricks and mortar.

Police Chief Pete Hojnicky said there will be efficiencies with the department under one roof. Because of legal reporting requirements, the de-

partment has been forced to utilize 7,000 square feet of off-site storage, which will be eliminated when the move to the new building is complete.

"Chief Hojnicky, the Police Commission and the Town Council worked long and hard to make this much-needed project a reality," Council President Mark Herak said. "This project was near and dear to Councilman Dennis Adams. I wish he was here to celebrate with us." 🐾



Police Chief Pete Hojnicky said the HPD will be up to full-service policing in the new Public Safety Building by December. [JOSH CARLASCIO PHOTO]



FOOD, FUN & FIRE

Grab the kids and head to the Central Fire Station for an open house where kids can play with water, ride fire trucks and watch a side-by-side burn. Food and refreshments will be served.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **OCT. 10**

WHERE: Highland Central Fire Station, 2901 Highway Ave.

INFO: Call (219) 923-9876.

FINAL MARKET DAYS

It's your last chance to catch the weekly street market this month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **OCT. 10 and 17** at Main Square Park.



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PROJECT TO EQUIP PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING WITH WATER STATIONS

When the new Public Safety Building opens, it will come equipped with water bottle refilling stations and a digital display that tells consumers how they have helped save the planet.

The \$2,500 refilling station project is the brainchild of Highland High School Junior Elizabeth Hoffman, who came up with the idea after a family trip to Las Vegas.

"We stayed at an eco-friendly hotel and I thought their system of refilling stations instead of buying water in a bottle was a great idea," Hoffman said. "When I came home, I started thinking about my Girl Scout Gold project and thought this would be perfect."

From her beginnings as a Brownie in second grade, to her decision in middle school to stick with scouting at a time when her friends were leaving the organization, Hoffman said scouting has prepared her to think philanthropically.

"Scouting helped me realize ways I can give back," she said. "Once this project is complete, I will need to find something else to do." 🐾

ENDLESS REFILL OF HOPE

The Endless Refill of Hope Project will equip the new Highland Public Safety Building with two new water fountain/bottle filling stations. These modern fixtures will encourage people to refill plastic water bottles and help promote a more 'eco-friendly' environment. The new fixtures, which are ADA accessible, will include a digital display to identify the number of water bottles that have been saved by being refilled at the site.

HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Simply become a "Big Gulp" sponsor for \$5 or a "Super Size" sponsor for \$25. "Super Size" sponsors will also receive special recognition and a personal invitation to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Project.

Please send your name, mailing address, email address and telephone along with your check made payable to **GSGCNWI Troop #10101** noting Endless Refill Project in the memo to:

GIRL SCOUTS – GREATER CHICAGO / NORTHWEST INDIANA

Attn: Elizabeth Hoffman
3546 Lincoln Place
Highland, IN 46322

TOWN SEEKING DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK ALONGSIDE HIGHLAND POLICE

The town is looking for dedicated individuals who want to work alongside Highland police and help keep our community safe. Training and uniform are provided. Have fun, make new friends, while providing this volunteer service to the community.

VIPs assist police officers by providing a variety of tasks including: vacation checks, directing traffic, traffic patrols in residential/business/park districts (on foot, bicycle or vehicle), funeral escorts, fingerprinting, filing, typing, even answering telephones. Tasks and assignments vary per ability and interest. All hours and shifts are available.

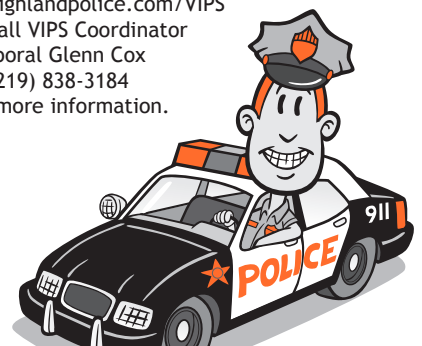
"We are grateful to our VIPs: They provide a valuable service to the community," VIPS Coordinator Glenn Cox said. "Our VIPs are vital members of our department. They provide another level of public safety because they know what to look for in the community." 🐾

ABOUT VIPS

Highland's Volunteers in Police Services program is one of five in Lake County and a member of the national initiative. The idea of a citizen corps whose volunteer efforts would make communities safer and better prepared to respond to emergency situations was espoused by President George Bush following the attacks on Sept. 11.

HOW TO APPLY

Download an application online at highlandpolice.com/VIPS or call VIPS Coordinator Corporal Glenn Cox at (219) 838-3184 for more information.



FESTIVAL OF THE TRAIL

Organizers are hoping for crisp, cool temps and bright, sunny skies Oct. 10, perfect weather for pedaling, blading, running or walking between Highland and Griffith during this year's Festival of the Trail.

Highland's festival line-up is dedicated to the arts — offerings from local artists and area musicians as well as choreographed entertainment from Jane Berland's dance studio and family-friendly literary routines.

This year, the Highland Athletic Boosters are joining in the fun, offering mums and pumpkins for sale. Also downtown that day: the Fire Department Open House, farmer's market and sidewalk sale, where many merchants are offering coupons that day.

"We are giving residents throughout the region many reasons to visit our downtown. This is shaping up to be even bigger and better than last year," Festival Coordinator Dawn Diamantopoulos said. "This is an opportunity to see a sampling of the talent we have in the region. It's the best way to enjoy an autumn day and we invite everyone to come spend part of their Saturday with us."

About a mile south of downtown Highland, Griffith's festival plans include a sampling of local eateries, retail outlets and giveaways. 🍁

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Join us for family-friendly fun on or off Highland's trail.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday, **OCT. 10**

WHERE: Municipal parking lot at the corner of Highway and Kennedy avenues.

INFO: Call Cecile Petro at (219) 972-7598 or email CPetro@highland.in.gov.

ON-TRAIL ACTIVITIES

- Retail vendors
- Information booths
- "Art on the Trail" art exhibit
- Live music and more ...

OFF-TRAIL ACTIVITIES

- Downtown Firehouse Open House
- Highland farmer's market
- Super Saver Saturday Sidewalk Sale

OLG CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Lady of Grace Altar & Rosary Sodality will host its 44th annual Christmas bazaar featuring arts, crafts, quilts, candy, holiday decorations, a pet shop, baked goods and more. The bazaar also features a delicious lunch on Saturday and donuts on Sunday.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **NOV. 7** and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **NOV. 8**

WHERE: Our Lady of Grace School cafeteria, 3025 Highway Ave.

INFO: Call (219) 838-1458.

GLORIA DEI BAZAAR

The Grace Notes have been busy making salsas, jalapeño jellies and zucchini relish from produce grown in the church's garden. These delicious goodies will be available for purchase at the holiday bazaar in addition to homemade crafts and baked goods.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **NOV. 7**

WHERE: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3711 Ridge Road.

INFO: Call (219) 838-5313.

WINTER WONDERLAND

Life Point Church will host a Winter Wonderland featuring a variety of vendors and unique crafts.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **NOV. 7**

WHERE: Life Point Church, 9414 Kennedy Avenue

INFO: Call (219) 844-5020.

HHS BAND CRAFT FAIR

The best in arts and crafts will be showcased at the annual Highland High School Band Fall Craft Fair. Just in time for the holidays, this two-day event features jewelry, fiber arts and more.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **NOV. 14** and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. **NOV. 15**

WHERE: Highland Middle School

INFO: Call Pam Finke at (219) 313-0644.



NEW KENNEDY WATERLINES WILL BE TAPPED BY MID-NOVEMBER

The first phase of a \$2.36 million project to reline and upgrade waterlines will wrap up as planned by mid-November.

Public Works Director John Bach said there will be a few harried days at the end of October at the intersection of Kennedy and Highway avenues when traffic in all directions will be disrupted to allow crews from Grimmer Construction to connect the new waterline to the existing main.

When that work concludes, Bach said road patching and paving will button up the project for the winter. The second phase will be completed in the spring.

"We deliberately delayed the project, making it a two-season project instead of one — out of consideration for the community for Fourth of July and particularly the Twilight Parade," he said. "This project is vital to the community. We are pleased at the progress and that it will come in on budget."

WHAT'S NEXT?

FALL 2015: By Nov. 30, pavement cut during construction will be repaired. Barricades will come down and all four lanes will reopen to traffic.

SPRING 2016: Beginning in May 2016, the southern portion of the project begins with completion slated July 1.

ANNUAL PUMPKIN SALE

The Highland Adult Athletic Booster Club will be selling pumpkins, corn stalks, hay bales, mums and other seasonal items.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, **OCT. 10**

WHERE: Municipal parking lot at the corner of Highway and Kennedy avenues.

INFO: Call Michael Fraley at (219) 972-0736.

MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

Highland High School will host its fall Marching Band Festival, where judges will evaluate musicianship, technique, visual showmanship, and overall performance. After the competition, there will be an awards ceremony.

WHEN: 2 p.m. **OCT. 10.** Gates open at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Highland High School

TICKETS: \$6 at the gate

INFO: Call Ray Liskey (219) 922-7871 or email rcmca5@sbcglobal.net.

HIGHLAND YOUTH BASKETBALL

The deadline to register is this month. Students in kindergarten through Grade 5 will play a 10-game season while learning the fundamentals of basketball. Games are on Saturdays and practice on weekdays. Teams are determined by a player draft. All players receive a T-shirt. Volunteer coaches wanted.

DEADLINE: Register by Sunday, **OCT. 18**

FEE: \$50 residents / \$55 nonresidents.

ONLINE ACTIVITY CODE: 133006

PRACTICE: Begins week of **NOV. 9**

GAMES: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **DEC. 5 - FEB. 20**

WHERE: Lincoln Center Fieldhouse

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

LINCOLN CENTER HALL RENTALS

Need a room for a party or shower? Or banquet hall for a reception? Lincoln Community Center has what you need! Visit highlandparks.org/rentals for more info or call at (219) 838-0114.

VOLLEYBALL SKILLS & DRILLS

Improve your volleyball skills with setting, passing, overhand serving and spiking drills.

GRADES 3-5: 4 p.m. Mondays, **NOV. 9 - DEC. 14**

GRADES 6-8: 5 p.m. Mondays, **NOV. 9 - DEC. 14**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$74 residents, \$79 nonresidents

ONLINE ACTIVITY CODE: 170006 or 170007

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

HIGH-LOW AEROBICS

This unique cardiovascular energy building dance-style aerobics works on body shaping, flexibility, muscle toning and various exercises.

WHEN: 6:10 to 6:55 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, **OCT. 27 - DEC. 10**

FEE: \$44 residents / \$48 nonresidents

DROP-IN TRIAL: \$8 residents / \$9 nonresidents
ONLINE ACTIVITY CODE: 300005

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

Happy Halloween

TRI KAPPA BOO BLAST

Join us for a festive costume-filled afternoon of games, storytelling, snacks and more for all kids 10 and under.

WHEN: 2 to 5 p.m. **OCT. 17**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

TICKETS: Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at Lincoln Center and through Munster-Highland Tri Kappa members.

INFO: Email d_havlin@comcast.net.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

Trick-or-treat hours for all goblins and ghouls are from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, **OCT. 31.**

Looking for a safe and fun trick-or-treat alternative?

New Life Christian Reformed Church will host Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot, 3010 Ridge Road.

INFO: Call (219) 838-0506.



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Do you enjoy shopping for comic books, sports cards, autographs and other rare items? Roger Parker from P & P Collectibles will promote the card show in conjunction with the Community Garage Sale. Register to sell your items now!

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **OCT. 10**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

VENDOR FEES: \$26.75 for 10' X 10' space. Table, chairs, extension cords not provided.

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114.

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Highland Parks and Recreation is now accepting crafters and vendors for its annual fall show featuring candles, handbags, home décor, skin care, gourmet dips and more.

VENDOR FEES: \$53.50 for 10' X 10' space and \$85.60 for wall space for both days.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, **NOV. 28** and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, **NOV. 29**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: Call (219) 838-0114.